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EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
EXAMINING GROUP 3700

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: M.J. Yancey et al. Attorney Docket No.: WEYE118528/24380C
Application No.: 10/051,392 Group Art Unit: 3749
Filed: January 16, 2002 Examiner: C.T. Nguyen
Title: SYSTEM FOR MAKING DRIED SINGULATED CROSSLINKED
CELLULOSE PULP FIBERS

AMENDMENT B

Seattle, Washington 98101

December 9, 2003

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

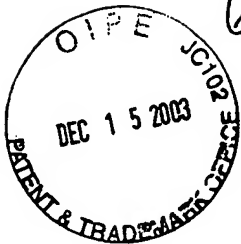
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TRANSMITTAL LETTER FOR RESPONSE
AFTER FINAL REJECTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

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TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

A. Amendment Transmittal

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

- X 1. No additional claim fee is required, as shown below.
_____ 2. The claim fee has been calculated as shown below.

COMPUTATION OF FEE FOR CLAIMS AS AMENDED

	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest Number Previously Paid For		Present Extra		Rate		Additional Fee
Total Claims	11	Minus	20	=	0	x	18	=	0.00
Independent Claims	4	Minus	5	=	0	x	86	=	0.00

Total Additional Fee \$0.00
for this Amendment

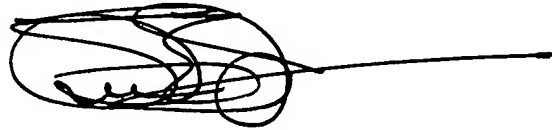
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B. Additional Fee Charges or Credit for Overpayment

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.18 which may be required during the entire pendency of the application, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 03-1740. This authorization also hereby includes a request for any extensions of time of the appropriate length required upon the filing of any reply during the entire prosecution of this application. A copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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